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Sen. Hammerstrom continues to support children's causes

*Senator Hammerstrom lends a helping hand to raise money for
Children's Trust Fund of Michigan*

LANSING – State Sen. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, joined her colleagues earlier this week at the third annual Cherish the Children-Ultimate Fantasy Auction at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

This year, participants in the auction bid on “dream items” such as becoming a Fighter Pilot for a Day and maneuvering an F-16 through the sky, driving a 2005 Ford Mustang GT Convertible at the Ford Proving Ground, or visiting the filming location of the hit television show *Lost*. All proceeds from the auction, which raised more than \$310,000 this year, benefit the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan (CTF).

CTF is the only statewide, non-profit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Since its inception in 1982, CTF has raised more than \$60 million and provided support to more than 6 million Michigan children and families.

“Protecting Michigan's children has always been a top priority for me,” Hammerstrom said. “The Cherish the Children-Ultimate Fantasy Auction continues to be an excellent way for us to raise money to continue our mission of combating child abuse and neglect in this state.”

Hammerstrom, a strong advocate of children's causes, has co-chaired the Cherish the Children-Ultimate Fantasy Auction since 2002.

“The Fantasy Auction offers people an opportunity to have fun while supporting Michigan's children,” Hammerstrom said. “This year has been the most successful one we've had yet, and I look forward to seeing it continue to grow.”

CTF is funded by interest income from a restricted trust fund, direct donations, grants, earned income, fees from the purchase of the Children's License Plate, and from the Cherish the Children-Ultimate Fantasy charity auction.

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